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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: NON-TRANSFER ASSURANCES

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1. AS REPORTED IN REFTEL, SAG IS WILLING TO CONSIDER
SAPARATE NON-TRANSFER ASSURANCES GIVEN DIRECTLY BY YAR
TO U.S. AND TO SAUDI ARABIA PROVIDED U.S. AGREES IN EXCHANGE
OF NOTES WITH SAUDI ARABIA NOT TO ALLOW FURTHER TRANSFER
OF EQUIPMENT WITHOUT CONCURRENCE OF SAUDI ARABIA.
2. EMBASSY REALIZES THAT DEPARTMENT IS AVERSE TO INVOLVING USG
IN CONSULTATION WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS ON REQUESTS FOR
PERMISSION TO TRANSFER. HOWEVER, SAUDI ARABIA IS PAYING
FOR THIS EQUIPMENT AND IS JUST AS CONCERNED WITH THE EQUIP-
MENT AS THE RECIPIENT. IT DOES NOT SEEM UNREASONABLE
THAT SAG SHOULD HAVE A SAY ABOUT A FOURTH
COUNTRY TRANSFER. IN FACT, WE SUSPECT THEY WILL INSIST

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ON BEING CONSULTED ANYWAY.

3. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF SAUDI PROPOSAL FOR EXCHANGE
OF NOTES IN ADDITION TO DUAL BUT SEPARATE NON-TRANSFER
ASSURANCES.
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NOTE BY OC/T: EXDIS CAPTION ADDED PER MS. KENNEDY S/S-O.

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